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Group Art Unit: 1761

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FOR PREPARING BONED)
PORK PRODUCTS)

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AMENDMENT

This communication is in response to a first Office Action received on this application dated October 4, 2001. It is respectfully requested that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5-7 as follows:

5. (Amended) A method for preparing a boned pork product comprising the steps of:
- (a). applying radiant infrared heat to the boned pork product at a first cooking station,
 - (b). applying steam to the boned pork product at a second cooking station to yield a fully-cooked, boned pork product, and



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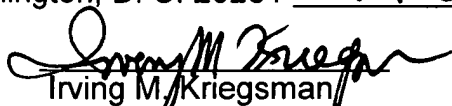
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